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December 6, 2004

**By Facsimile to 202/219-3923**

Alva Smith  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Matter Under Review 5612

Dear Ms. Smith:

A Designation of Counsel authorizing me to represent the Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO in this matter is being submitted by the organization.

My client's response to the complaint is currently due on December 7, 2004. I would like to request an extension until January 5, 2005 to file this response. The additional time is required to allow counsel to become familiar with the facts and to interview witnesses, many of whom will not be available because of the upcoming holidays. In addition, I have long-established plans to be out of town during the week between Christmas and New Years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Trister

cc: John Sullivan, Esq. (By Fax to 202/898-3323)  
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